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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

Dear Examiner Izquierdo:

In response to the Final Office Action of December 27, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.